

Notice of Hearing

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on permanent rule FH-13-14 amending NR 25 to implement a web-based electronic fish reporting system for licensed commercial fishers of the Great Lakes at the time and place shown below.

Hearing Information

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Department of Natural Resources Service Center – Lake Michigan Room, 2984 Shawano Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Department of Natural Resources Bayfield Office, 141 S. Third Street, Bayfield, WI 54814

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Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

Written comments may be submitted at the public hearings, by regular mail, fax, or email to Tom Hansen, Bureau of Law Enforcement, Thomas.hansen@wisconsin.gov or 2984 Shawano Avenue Green Bay, WI 54313-6727

Written comments may also be submitted to the Department using the Wisconsin Administrative Rules Internet Web site at <http://adminrules.wisconsin.gov>.

The rule may be reviewed and comments made no later than September 30, 2015.

Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rule will have an effect on small businesses, as defined under s. 227.114 (1). The rule would affect licensed commercial fishers on Lake Michigan/Green Bay (65 licenses) and Lake Superior (10 licenses). However, no economic impact is anticipated as a result of this rule change. The proposal will update rule language on how commercial fishing electronic harvest reports may be made. No harvest quota or fishing effort changes will be included in the rule.

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